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## Mayor's corner

As the city's financial situation continues to be assessed, the Council remains focused on the following issues.

Alternatives for moving traffic around the city continues to be a concern. At present, there are 31,748 jobs in Tigard and census data shows only 21,893 workers living in the city (44,070 total population). With 10,000 more jobs than resident workers, Tigard has a large number of commuters. This tells us we must view traffic concerns as a regional issue.

The future of parks and recreation is also a concern. The Council will soon be considering whether to form a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and what such a committee's responsibilities might be.

Water remains a major issue. We are making progress toward securing a long-term water supply and hope to have a final plan in place by the end of the year.

Lastly, we are working closely with our state legislators and the League of Oregon Cities to try to limit the local impact of decisions made at the state level.

As always, we are open to your ideas.

**Jim Griffith, Mayor**

## Tigard Municipal Code...what you need to know

The Tigard Municipal Code is a compilation of ordinances (laws) adopted by the Tigard City Council. The Code organizes the ordinances and outlines how the city is to be governed. Specific examples of sections within the Municipal Code include building codes, parking codes, business license regulations, franchise agreement provisions, the framework for court procedures, park regulations, sign regulations, nuisances and civil proceedings.

These local laws are enforced in a similar method as criminal and traffic laws. In the same way a police officer may issue a court citation or "ticket" for speeding, a code enforcement, community service or housing enforcement officer may issue a court citation when finding a violation of the Tigard Municipal Code. Most Code violations are considered "Class One" violations, with potential fines of \$250 for each violation per day. Fines for repeat violations can increase up to four times the original amount.

### What are some of the most common violations?

- Allowing grass or weeds to grow over 10-inches tall
- Storing RVs, boats or trailers on the street
- Leaving garbage outside (not in the garbage can)
- Keeping household items outside, such as indoor furniture and appliances
- Accumulating "junk" outside, such as vehicle parts and miscellaneous items
- Posting illegal signs
- Using sidewalks or streets to store toys, landscape materials, basketball hoops, etc.
- Conducting construction or remodel work without a permit
- Neglecting maintenance of homes and buildings
- Placing inoperable or rarely used vehicles in the street
- Parking in a way prohibited or dangerous (in front of fire hydrants, blocking traffic, etc.)

Municipal Code enforcement action is complaint driven. If you report a possible Code violation, you will need to provide the address of the property you are reporting. All complaints are public record. Anonymous complaints are not investigated. For street parking violations, request a Community Service Officer at 503-629-0111. For building and housing issues, ask for the Housing Enforcement Officer and for nuisances, including RVs on the street, contact the Code Enforcement Officer at 503-639-4171. The Tigard Municipal Code may be viewed at [www.ci.tigard.or.us/business/municipal\\_code](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us/business/municipal_code).

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**CITY MEETING SCHEDULE:****City Council**

2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.  
Town Hall

**Library Board**

1st Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Library Puett Room

**Planning Commission**

1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.  
Town Hall

**Intergovernmental Water Board**

2nd Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.  
Tigard Water Building



March's "Focus on Tigard" airs beginning Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m. on TVTV Cable Channel 28. The program will replay throughout the month. For a complete schedule of broadcast times, visit the city's web site at [www.ci.tigard.or.us](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us) and click on the link under Focus on Tigard.

The program is designed to educate, inform and involve viewers in issues and programs that impact our community. Announcements on current and upcoming activities and events will also be included.

**March - Update on Downtown Improvements**

- What is the Downtown Task Force?
- What are TriMet's short-term and long-term plans for the downtown commuter rail station?
- Which design elements have the Task Force recommended for the station?

**The Focus for Upcoming Months:**

**April:** Code Enforcement/Court

**May:** Volunteers/Youth/Library

**June:** Parks

**Tune In! If you have Focus ideas,**  
contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171, ext. 2412  
or [liz@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:liz@ci.tigard.or.us).

**Public viewing of school history**

The public is invited to explore the history of Tigard-Tualatin area schools on Saturday, March 29, 2003, 1-4 p.m., at the Tigard Senior Center located at 8815 SW O'Mara Street.

Former school students will be able to share experiences and view historical items and photographs donated to the School History Project. A complete collection of Tigard High School yearbooks from 1928 through the 1970's will be on display. You may also bring items (photos and memorabilia) to donate or merely to show for the day.

The School History Project is an undertaking by the Tigard Area Historic Preservation Association. For details, contact Mary or Don Feller at 503-639-1816.



## Avoid becoming a fraud victim...

The Tigard Police Department has received reports about unsolicited email and telephone campaigns requesting money for fictitious charitable organizations or to acquire prize winnings. For example, fraudulent solicitations were sought in connection with the Columbia Space Shuttle tragedy and for an injured police sergeant. Recently, a local elderly man was bilked out of several thousand dollars in an effort to "collect" prize winnings.

Using a charity, tragedy or "prizes" to swindle people is common and, unfortunately, easy. Following these basic rules can help you avoid being scammed:

- Never pay in cash. Always pay by check and never make it out to an individual.
- NEVER give your credit card, bank or Social Security number to someone who calls you on the telephone.
- Before providing any donation, it is a good idea to verify the validity of the organization by calling the **Department of Justice at 503-229-5725**. The office can advise whether the charity is legitimate and if there have been any complaints filed against the organization.
- Ask the following questions if an unsolicited email or telephone caller is seeking a donation, trying to sell something or asking for money:
  - Who are you working for?
  - What is the location of the main office?
  - Where are you calling from?
  - What is your phone number so I can call you back?
  - What is your name?
  - How did you get my name and telephone number?
  - How will my money be used and by who?
  - What federal regulator has oversight of your organization?
  - Is your organization registered with the State of Oregon?
  - How much of my money will go for fees and commissions?

For additional information on fraud or consumer protection, you can contact the Office for Consumer Protection at 503-229-5576 or the Crime Prevention Officer at the Tigard Police Department at 503-718-2561.

## Spring dance camp

Looking for fun during spring break? Tigard Recreation Association is excited to offer two dance camps March 24-25 & 27-28! Brush up on your dance technique while having a great time with other dancers. These two-day camps are \$25 for one dancer or \$45 for two. Ages 5-7 from 9:30-11 a.m. Ages 8 and up from 11-1:30 p.m. Please call TRA at 503-524-8794 to register. Space is limited.

**Can we find you  
in an emergency?**

**Check to see if your  
address is visible.**

**Police, fire and medical  
delays can result if addresses  
can't be easily read.**

**Take a look...today!  
Thanks!**

## Tigard Safety Town registration

Tigard Safety Town is a nine-day class where children learn about bicycle, pedestrian, home, fire, electrical and personal safety.

**Who:** For kids who have a birthday between September 1, 1996 and January 1, 1999. No exceptions!

**When:** Registration is on April 5, 2003 at 9 a.m. for Tigard Residents. At 9:45 a.m. registration is open to those living outside of the 97223 & 97224 zip codes if space allows. Each session offers a morning (9-11:15 a.m.) or afternoon (12:00-2:15 p.m.) class. This year the session dates will be:

1<sup>st</sup> Session: June 17 - June 27  
(weekdays)

2<sup>nd</sup> Session: June 30-July 11  
(weekdays - no class on July 4)

**Where:** Registration is at Tigard City Hall. Safety Town is held at Mary Woodward Elementary School.

**Fee:** \$45 (each additional sibling \$40). Limited scholarships are available. A legal guardian must be present at registration and bring: Child's birth certificate (no substitutions!), proof of address, insurance policy number, medical information, and the name and phone number of the participant's doctor.

For additional information, please contact Julie at 503-524-0664 or Lorrie at [courtrep@attbi.com](mailto:courtrep@attbi.com).

## Don't forget the book sale

Browse and buy at the Friends of the Tigard Library Early Spring Book Sale, February 28 - March 1. Town Hall. Great books at great prices! Friday, February 28, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, March 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



## Shelf



## Life

## News from the Tigard Library

## Story and craft time

Winter programs end the first week in March. Spring programs resume during spring break week.

## Preschool Stories and Crafts

**Tuesdays, March 4 and 25**

**10 to 10:30 a.m.**

Puett Room, ages 3 to 6.

This is a family event filled with stories, songs and a fun art activity to create and take home. Please call in advance if you would like to bring a group.

## Little People Story Time

**Thursdays, March 6 and 27 with Louise and Fridays, March 7 and 28 with Terri, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

Puett Room, ages 3 and under.

Little People Story Time is a special time of stories and songs designed for children ages 3 and under with their grown-up.

## Library Events Calendar

March 1	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Friends of the Tigard Library Spring Book Sale continues
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	9:30a.m.-4:30p.m.	AARP Tax Help (Reg. req'd/one-hour sessions)-Red Rock Creek Rm
March 3	10-11 a.m.	Read Across America: Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday-Town Hall
March 4, 25	10-10:30 a.m.	Preschool Stories & Crafts-Puett Rm
March 6, 27	10-10:30 a.m.	Little People Story Time with Louise (Ages 3 and under)-Puett Rm
March 7, 28	10-10:30 a.m.	Little People Story Time with Terri (Ages 3 and under)-Puett Rm
March 8	1-2 p. m.	Capoeira do Brasil martial arts demonstration-Town Hall
March 14	7-8 p.m.	Friday Night Music with Duo Banjo2 -Puett Rm
March 15	1-2 p.m.	Hugo Nava, bi-lingual music for children -Puett Rm
March 15	10-12 noon	Creative Marketing for Child Care Providers (Reg. req'd, \$15, 503-693-3241)-Town Hall
March 19	7-8 p.m.	Washington County Reads event-Start Your Own Book Group-Red Rock Creek Conf Rm
March 19	6-8:30 p.m.	Best Books for Children w/ Angela Reynolds (Reg. req'd)-Puett Rm
March 28	2-4:30 p.m.	Washington County Reads event-Movie "Pay It Forward" (Rated PG-13)-Town Hall
March 29	1-2 p.m.	Grupo Kultura Pan Latin music-Puett Rm
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	4-6 p.m.	Homework Center (Grades 5-12) -Young Adult Area

## Best Books for Children

**Wednesday, March 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**, Puett Room, registration required.

Participants will learn about the newest and best in children's books. The class will focus on the award-winning books of the year such as the Newbery, Caldecott, Coretta Scott King, and others.

This WCCLS sponsored program is also for childcare providers seeking CDA credit and parents. To register call presenter Angela J. Reynolds at 503-466-1894.

*For more information on library programs, visit our web site at [www.ci.tigard.or.us](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us)*

*Library programs are free unless noted otherwise.*

*Some library programs require registration.*

*To sign up, call 503-684-6537*

## AARP tax help @ your library

**Saturdays, February 1 to April 12, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** in the Red Rock Creek Conference Room, by appointment.

Volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons [AARP] will assist with tax return preparation. The AARP Tax Help Program is designed to assist low-income individuals and senior citizens. Registration required, call for an appointment at 503-684-6537.





## Hard Hat Report

### A View to the Future

By Margaret Barnes

Tigard Public Library Director

People use the library for different reasons—to study, research, escape into reading, music or films, introduce their children to the joy of reading or just to find a quiet place to think. The new library is being designed to accommodate many uses.

We will have quiet study areas, a warm, welcoming reading room, spaces for children and adult programs, additional electronic resources and much more. One of the most impressive features of the new library will be the beautiful views. The architects have created a design that accentuates the calming and inspiring natural sights surrounding the building.

A year ago we held a preliminary meeting to get ideas from citizens about the site surrounding the new library. Ideas ranged from environmental education programs to bike paths and walking trails with interpretive signage.

Tigard's Parks Division will hold a public meeting on the Fanno Creek Extension Site Master Plan **Thursday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m.** in Town Hall. If you have ideas or questions please plan to attend.

On **April 4, at 7:30 p.m.** pianist Michael Allen Harrison will perform a benefit concert at Tigard High School. Proceeds will help equip and buy books for the new library. Tickets can be purchased by calling 503-620-4829.

## Read Across America with Dr. Seuss

**Monday, March 3, 10 to 11 a.m.**

Town Hall

Join kids who will be reading all over the country on Dr. Seuss' birthday, and read with Tigard Mayor Jim Griffith One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss, followed by some great activities for the whole family. Back by popular demand will be a visit with the



Cat-in-the-Hat! Get your picture taken with that favorite feline! Read Across America is a National Education Association project.

## Multicultural Events

### Capoeira Regional do Brasil

**Saturday, March 8, 1 to 2 p.m.**

Town Hall. Afro-Brazilian martial art demonstration. Many people see it as a martial art, others as a dance. All ages are welcome to attend this demonstration and workshop.

### Hugo Nava Performs

**Saturday, March 15, 1 to 2 p.m.**

Puett Room. Nava, a traditional Tlaxcalan musician, who plays and sings in many languages including Spanish, will perform *Cantos y Juegos con los niños*, bi-lingual songs and games for children. All ages.

### Grupo Kultura

**Saturday, March 29, 1 to 2 p.m.**

Puett Room. This popular group presents a variety of Pan Latin music on original instruments, including Paraguayan harp and bombo leguero. All ages.

Events are provided by the Library Services and Technology Act grant

## Washington County Reads events

### Pay It Forward movie matinee

**Friday, March 28, 2 to 4:30 p.m.**

Town Hall

Rated PG-13



Trevor is caught up by an intriguing assignment from his new social studies teacher, to think of something to change the world and put it into action. Trevor's idea is to pay a favor forward—doing good deeds to three new people and to ask them to pass it on. Based on the book by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

### Start your own book group

**Wednesday, March 19, 7 to 8 p.m.**

Red Rock Creek Conference Room

Are you interested in starting your own book group, but not sure how to begin? Join us for an information training session and discover how to start your own book group.

Congratulations to Templeton Elementary and Tigard High School, recipients of Take the Time to Pay it Forward grants!

## Library hosts Duo Banjo2

**Friday, March 14, 6 to 8 p.m.**

Puett Room. Lori Slater and Jim Blanton bring the unique and lively sound of two tenor banjos to the library. The duo plays a blend of old-time, traditional tunes and more contemporary music from the American music songbook. Sponsored by the Friends of the Tigard Library.





## Subdivision proposals in Tigard

City staff periodically provides advance notice of potential subdivisions being contemplated in Tigard or its Urban Growth Area. Plans are only in preliminary stages and are based on pre-application conferences with the City of Tigard. Plans have not been finalized. It is possible that development will not occur immediately. If the applicant goes forward with the project, a neighborhood meeting will be scheduled by the developer/applicant prior to a formal application being made with the city. Notice of the meeting is sent to property owners within 500 feet of the proposed development. City staff can be contacted at 503-639-4171.

### PROPOSAL #1

**Tentative Project Name:**

“Un-Named”

**Subject:**

1.92 acres into 32-35 unit Townhomes

**Zoning:**

R-25, 1,480 square foot lots

**Location:**

13900 SW Barrows Road; on the south side of SW Barrows Road, north of Davies Road.

**Contacts:**

*Developer/Applicant:*

Tom Secolo 503-330-3443

*Applicant's Engineer:*

Tom McConnell/Alpha Engineering, Inc.  
503-452-8003

*City Staff:*

Brad Kilby, Current Planning (zoning, development code, & land use process issues)

Brian Rager, Engineering (public facilities & traffic issues)

### PROPOSAL #2

**Tentative Project Name:**

“Un-Named”

**Subject:**

.76 acres into approximately 4 lots

**Zoning:**

R-4.5, 7,500 square foot lots

**Location:**

11475 & 11435 SW 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue; on the west side of SW 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue, north of SW Lomita Avenue.

**Contacts:**

*Developer/Applicant:*

Michael Hoffman 503-827-4501

*City Staff:*

Brad Kilby, Current Planning (zoning, development code, & land use process issues)

Brian Rager, Engineering (public facilities & traffic issues)

### PROPOSAL #3

**Tentative Project Name:**

“Un-Named”

**Subject:**

2.2 acres into approximately 13 lots

**Zoning:**

R-7, 5,000 square foot lots

**Location:**

14125 SW Fern Street and adjacent western parcel; on the north side of SW Fern Street, east of SW Ascension Drive.

**Contacts:**

*Developer/Applicant:*

Larry Hultquist/Marvin Bowman

503-880-0246/503-590-0294

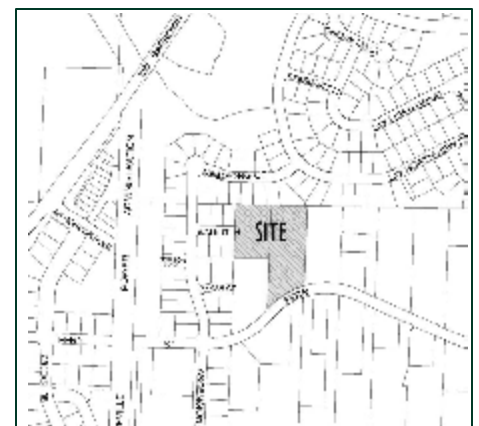
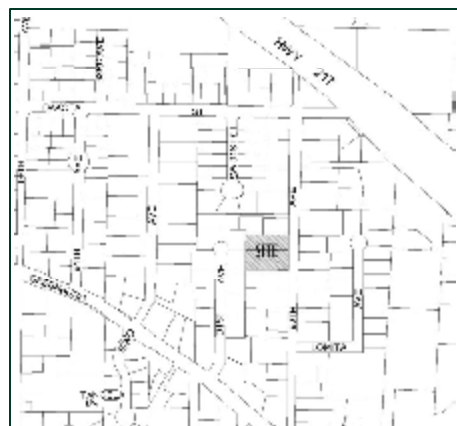
*Applicant's Engineer:*

Dan Symons/Symons Engineering Consultants, Inc. 503-760-1353

*City Staff:*

Morgan Tracy, Current Planning (zoning, development code, & land use process issues)

Brian Rager, Engineering (public facilities & traffic issues)





## Smoke alarms – will your child wake up?

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R) reminds you that smoke alarms do work. In light of recent news stories where children slept through smoke alarms, TVF&R wants to reiterate the importance of smoke alarms. While national fire and safety organizations work to evaluate and improve smoke alarms, keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Test your alarms monthly and include your children in the activity so they begin to recognize the sound.
- Parents – realize you may have to awaken and assist your children out of the home.
- Have smoke alarms placed throughout your home for early warning – on each level and in bedrooms.
- Create a home fire escape plan and practice it at night. Adjust your plan accordingly for children who sleep through the alarm, infants or physically disabled family members.
- Recognize how deadly smoke is and how quickly fire spreads. Surprisingly, you may only have minutes to escape your home. (Closed doors can act as a barrier, providing valuable time for escape and rescue.)
- Consider retrofitting your existing home or building your next home with residential sprinklers. Such a system can extinguish or contain 98% of fires.

If you do not have a working smoke alarm, call TVF&R at 503-649-8577. For more smoke alarm and safety information or tips on how to create a home fire escape plan contact TVF&R at the number above or visit [www.tvfr.com](http://www.tvfr.com).

## The Broadway Rose continues cabaret series

The Broadway Rose Theatre Company will present its second of three one-night only cabaret performances on March 22. Susannah Mars will enthrall her audience with her powerful voice in an evening of eclectic Broadway songs including "Little Girls," "Lost and Found," and "Stars and the Moon." She will be accompanied by Bill Wells. One of Portland's brightest stars and four time Drammy award winner for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical, Ms. Mars is well known to musical theater and Oregon Symphony audiences. Her cabaret, "Mars on Life," premiered in New York City, and later played in Seattle and Portland. Her debut solo recording, Take Me to the World, was nominated as "Best CD of 1998," by the Manhattan Association of Cabaret Artists and Clubs.

The series will conclude on April 26 with out-of-town guest Terry Palasz performing her riotous act, "The Polish Diva from Milwaukee."

Each performance begins at 8 p.m. and will be held at the Tigard Community Friends Church located at 15800 SW Hall Blvd. in Tigard. Tickets are \$12 each; \$10 for 2003 summer season subscribers. Seats are limited.

Tickets may be purchased by calling The Broadway Rose box office at 503-620-5262.



## Congratulations to Dennis Dirren, our Employee of the Month for February!

Dennis is a police officer who started with the city in November of 1997.

Dennis is being recognized for his significant efforts as the accreditation manager for the Police Department. Two years ago the Oregon Accreditation Alliance was formed and they adopted 148 standards that police departments have to meet before they can become accredited. The standards were developed by a group of police chiefs after extensive research. A final evaluation by an accreditation team was conducted in late January and they were very impressed! Thanks to Dennis' hard work over the course of a year, the City of Tigard will receive their accreditation recognition in June of 2003. This makes Tigard the second city in Oregon and the only city in the metro area to receive this special accreditation. Way to go Dennis!

## Englewood Park tree planting scheduled

Friends of Trees can use your help planting trees in Englewood Park on March 1 and March 29, from 9 a.m. until noon. If you would like to help, bring gloves and a shovel if you have one. It's likely to be wet, but that's good planting weather. Volunteers are asked to meet on Nimbus Avenue off Scholls Ferry Road.

For more information or to sign up to help, contact Friends of Trees at [www.friendsoftrees.org](http://www.friendsoftrees.org) or 503-284-8733.





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### Tigard City Council Action Recap!

*For additional information or if you have any questions about any of the items listed below, please contact City Recorder Cathy Wheatley at 503-639-4171, ext. 2410. A copy of Council packet information can be found on the city's web site at [www.ci.tigard.or.us](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us) or at the library. Audio and video tape recordings of most meetings are also available at the library.*

#### City Council Meeting highlights for the past month

- Administered the oath of office to Police Chief Bill Dickinson
- Heard an update on the new library
- Met with the Indonesian delegation from the Resource Cities Exchange Program
- Heard a update on the Youth Forum
- Considered an amendment to the Tigard Municipal Code regarding city authority to audit payments
- Held a joint meeting with the Planning Commission
- Heard a parks project update
- Considered several interagency law enforcement agreements
- Reviewed the Transportation System Plan
- Discussed the Strategic Financial Plan
- Met with State Senator Burdick and State Representative Williams
- Considered creating a new position to manage Water Capital Improvement Projects

#### Future Council Agenda Items

- Hear an update on the new library
- Review a Metro agreement for matching funds related to Highway 217
- Hear an initial report on the proposed Wall Street Local Improvement District
- Meet with the Intergovernmental Water Board to continue discussions on a long-term water supply
- Discuss proposed street maintenance fee
- Hear an update on expansion and policy decisions related to the Urban Growth Boundary
- Hear a presentation on the Tigard Fact Book
- Meet with State Senator Burdick and State Representative Williams
- Discuss commuter rail station design
- Consider a property tax abatement request
- Discuss participation in the proposed Bull Run Regional Drinking Water Agency